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CREAM OF NEWS.

IF IT IS NEW AND TRUE THIS COLUMN
HAS IT.

Fearful Struggle with a Suicidal Maniac.
—Conductor Link Killed at Guthrie—
Howell Goes Dry—School Census.

Fearful Struggle with a Suicidal Maniac.

Wm. H. Brown, an inmate of the Western asylum, cut his throat and also stabbed an attendant named Thomasson Saturday night. Brown went into P. H. Johnson's room, a trusty patient, and took the knife out of his pants pocket, about 10 o'clock at night, Johnson having retired. The room was very dark, and with the knife he would rush at every one that would put in an appearance. Thomasson seized him and received an ugly cut in the abdomen. He knocked off everything brought to bear upon him, by Drs. Stone and Smith, cutting at them all the time and cutting at his own throat at every opportunity until he had gashed it in a horrible manner, and severed the jugular vein, which caused instant death. Coroner Allensworth held an inquest Sunday and the jury brought in a verdict of suicide as the result of an unavoidable accident. Brown's home was at Cullen, Union county, and he was admitted at one o'clock the same day. He was a man of giant stature, strong and muscular and fought like a demon.

Drs. Stone and Smith, who went to the help of Thomasson, had close calls, as Brown narrowly missed cutting them several times. They got hold of him but he was so bloody they could not hold him. Thomasson is not fatally hurt.

Freight Conductor Killed.

Capt. Ed. Link, one of the most popular conductors in the service of the L. & N., was run over and killed by a train last Thursday night. The accident happened at Guthrie. About half past ten, Capt. Link was making a coupling. His foot slipped and before he could extricate himself the wheels struck him. The engineer was signaled by a brakeman for a quick stop, but it was too late to save the unfortunate man. His body was cut in two. When first reached by the people who witnessed the accident, the conductor was alive. He was taken to the Grant hotel and died about half an hour later. He was about 30 years old, a married man, and a brother of W. T. Link, proprietor of the well-known Link's hotel at Nashville.

An Expensive Disturbance.

Last Friday, Dave Broadie, col., was tried before Esq. T. M. Barker, at Bell, on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and disturbing religious worship. He was fined \$25 on the first charge and \$20 on the second. Broadie furnished the necessary bond, repaying the debt for six months, and was released from custody. Mr. J. B. Allensworth, of this city, represented the commonwealth in the case.

Howell News.

HOWELL, May 4.—[The] election on the prohibition question in this precinct, passed off very quietly to-day resulting in an overwhelming victory for the dries, the vote standing 108 dry to 57 wet. The election will prevent the sale of whiskey here for three years longer and our people feel highly elated over the result of to-day's election.

A Narrow Escape.

CROFTON, May 5.—David E. Bowles was passing to Crofton this morning in his buggy, his horse run away and made kindling wood of his buggy. Bowles was dragged some twenty or thirty steps and bruised considerably, but not seriously hurt and is able to walk around. The horse got scared at the buggy top.

They Went "Dry."

The vote on the liquor question taken in Lafayette magisterial district Saturday resulted in a victory for the "dries." At Lafayette the majority against liquor was 58, while Howell gave a two-thirds vote 108 to 57. There are only two licenses in effect in the district and they will expire during the year.

Police Court News.

Judge Hanbery disposed of the following cases yesterday: Ed Long, cutting and wounding, dismissed; Mack Wright, breach of peace, fined \$30; Wm. Coleman, b. p., dismissed. Five cases were continued.

The School Census.

Esq. Alex Campbell, has completed the white school census of the city for 1895. There are 1010 children of school age, 473 males and 537 females.

Cut out the Cancer.

Dr. A. J. Ashly, the cancer doctor, amputated a cancer from the breast of Mrs. John Hall, of the Manitou neighborhood last week that weighed 18 ounces. Mrs. Hall is now, we learn, able to be about her household duties.

RUSSELL AND GALBREATH

Hot and Close Election for School Trustees
—One Change in the Board.

The election of school trustees for the white public schools of Hopkinsville Saturday was the most spirited contest of the kind ever seen in the city. A determined effort was made to defeat the re-election of Messrs. J. D. Russell and R. H. De Treville and the attempt was successful in part. The opposition ticket had upon it the names of Messrs. J. B. Galbreath and W. H. Faxon, and the contest was opened with the announcement by the workers that the issue was to be a change in the management of the schools. This brought out a number of active workers who had grievances against Prof. Dietrich, the superintendent, and it likewise brought into activity many friends of the school who were opposed to any effort to interfere with its present management or to embarrass Prof. Dietrich in his work with an unfriendly board of trustees. The old ticket at once forged to the front on this issue, which it turned out was being used without the knowledge of Mr. Galbreath. As soon as he heard of it he declared that he was not running to antagonize Prof. Dietrich, that he was warmly in favor of the superintendent, and at once took charge of his own contest and declared that he was making the race upon his own merits at the request of friends. Mr. Russell also conducted his own canvass and by noon Russell and Galbreath were about 40 votes ahead and the race was moving along quietly and the voting appeared to be about over, about 250 votes having been cast. But about 2 o'clock a full force of workers again took the field to overcome Mr. Russell's lead and elect Mr. Faxon, Mr. Galbreath having by that time run far ahead of all the candidates. This fight was so fiercely waged that about 200 more votes were brought out and Mr. Russell was hard pressed when the polls closed at 4 o'clock. He was re-elected by only seven votes.

There were nearly 500 votes cast, the result standing: Galbreath, 284, Russell 232, Faxon 225, De Treville 181. The two first named were elected. Messrs. Faxon and De Treville did no electioneering. The highest vote in any previous election was in 1893 when J. E. McPherson received 234 votes, W. W. Clark 208, Joe McCarroll 207 and Ira L. Smith 175. In 1894 there was no contest and less than 100 votes were cast. Two women, Mrs. Owen, and Mrs. Cooper voted for the new ticket. The election throughout was pleasantly and good humoredly conducted and no bad feeling was engendered so far as we have heard. As it was a "dog fall" for the two tickets, both sides seemed satisfied. Mr. Galbreath qualified at the regular meeting that night and Mr. Russell was re-elected as president of the board.

DEMPSEY LEADS.

Richardson a Strong Second and the Others Bunched in the Rear.

The mass conventions of Saturday in twenty-seven counties of the thirty nine in the First railroad commissioner's district have been heard from. Dempsey gets Butler, Henderson, Hopkins, LaRue, Logan, Muhlenberg, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster—76 votes. Richardson gets Daviess, Christian, Barren, Metcalfe, Monroe and Todd—52 votes. Moore gets Caldwell, Crittenden and Hancock—15 votes. Morrow gets McCracken, Carlisle and 64 votes in Graves—194 votes. McElroy gets Simpson and Warren—20 votes. Miller gets Calloway and one half of Graves—144 votes.

Trigg goes uninstructed but will probably be for Moore or Miller. The counties not heard from are Ballard, Breckenridge, Edmonson, Fulton, Grayson, Hardin, Hart, Hickman, Lyon, Livingston, Meade and Marshall. Half of these are in the First district and will go to Moore, Miller or Morrow. The others are likely to go to Dempsey, Richardson or McElroy. Dempsey has Warren after McElroy, 14 votes. Mr. Dempsey has a strong lead but may not be able to save himself from the combinations that are usually made against the leading candidate. Richardson will probably have about 60 or 70 votes and be a strong second to Dempsey. He carried Daviess, receiving 100 votes more than all the other candidates together. In a convention of 300 at Henderson he was beaten only 6 votes, the result standing 151 to 145.

There are 277 votes and 139 will be needed to nominate. The convention will be held at Owensboro May 15, to-morrow week.

THE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

The local convention was organized by the election of M. D. Brown, chairman, and W. R. Howell, secretary. It instructed for Richardson without opposition and was in session but a few minutes. About 50 delegates were appointed to Owensboro.

LATER DETAILS.

THE MYSTERY CLEARED UP IN THE
GORDON-BROWN TRAGEDY.

Gordon Knew of the Meeting—Intercepted Letters—His Story of the Struggle—Brown's Desperate Fight Wounded and Unarmed.

The mystery surrounding the Gordon-Brown tragedy in Louisville was cleared away by developments subsequent to our last report. Gordon discovered the infidelity of his wife through letters addressed to his colored servant girl which he gave to Mrs. Gordon for the girl. According to Gordon he never suspected his wife until a little over a week before. For some time letters had been coming to his office, in the Columbia building, addressed to "Miss Parolee Mitchell, care of Merchants' Advice, Columbia Building, Louisville, Ky."

His wife inquired so particularly about these letters when they failed to come regularly that his suspicions were aroused and he opened one of them. He then had his wife watched and knew when she sent the telegram to Brown. A friend helped him in the matter.

When Arch Brown met Mrs. Gordon on Fourth avenue last Tuesday, Gordon's friend saw them. He followed them to West and Madison and then went to Tenth and Green, where he telephoned to either Gordon's office or to another point where the latter had agreed to wait. The import of the message was that the guilty pair had been traced.

Gordon met his friend at Tenth and Green and the two went to West and Madison, where the house, to which the woman and Brown had gone, was pointed out. Before Gordon left his friend to enter the house, he promised that he would do nothing rash and it is said insisted that he was wholly unarmed. The only reason he wanted to go into the place, he said, was to verify his suspicions and show his wife that he was cognizant of her unfaithfulness.

Gordon, who is still on the verge of insanity, was able to tell his story by degrees last week. He said his ideas were to wait below and confront his wife with his knowledge of her guilt and asked the boy how long he supposed the couple would have the upstairs room. He said they generally staid all day. He then sat down to think it over and heard them talking and later walk across the floor to where he supposed the bed was. He thought he heard his wife call her companion "Bob."

He didn't know what to do, and decided to write a note to "Bob" upstairs, thinking he might induce him to come down. He then began the note which was found in the hall, as follows: "Dear Bob: I want to see you." But he was so unstrung that he could not finish it.

Gordon then became desperate and went upstairs and knocked on the door. Brown opened the door a little and he forced himself in and the struggle began. He claimed that Brown, during the struggle, got his pistol from an open satchel and fired two of the shots, but this is hardly true. Gordon must have fired at once and broken Brown's arm. The Critic in discussing this point says:

From all the circumstances attending the killing, it seems plain that Gordon fired the first shot, and that Brown never had a chance to reach his pistol. After Gordon had emptied his revolver, he secured Brown's pistol, which was in an open valise, and fired four more bullets into his body, saving one shot for his wife. The papers have had a good deal to say about whether Brown showed any courage and whether Gordon was the first to fire.

The condition of the room showed conclusively that Brown had fought desperately for his life and that Gordon with equal desperation gave him no show. It was not a duel between two men equally matched. It was a death struggle between the enraged husband on one side and his wife's paramour on the other, and it was no time for fair play or giving equal chances.

This view of the case is borne out by the fact that eight wounds were found on Brown's body. The ball through the door was the one that went through his ear, as the direction shows it went from the bed, where the struggle at one time was carried on. The other two shots were fired at Mrs. Gordon. One hit her and the other missed her as she ran down the steps mortally wounded. There were but ten shots and Brown could not have fired any of them, as his eight wounds showed.

Gordon's trial was set for to-day, but he may not be able to stand trial, as he is in bad shape mentally and physically.

A Small Assignment.

W. H. Rhoades, dealer in general merchandise at Ironton, Trigg county, has assigned. Liabilities about \$1,500; assets considerably less. Slow collections caused the trouble.